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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 14, line 17 with the following paragraph:

As shown in this embodiment of the invention, the extended channel interface 510 enables information to be exchanged between a Host 505 (e.g., tuners 310/410, demodulators 320/420, host processing block 330/430, copy protection block 350/450 and A/V processing block 360/460) and the CableCARD 124. For instance, the Host 505 may transmit a message to indicate its receiver type (e.g., television receiver, set-top box receiver, integrated receiver/decoder, etc.). Likewise, the CableCARD 124 may transmit a message to indicate its CableCARD type. After the exchange of information and upon determination that the Host 505 is in communication with the CableCARD 124, certain bits of the interface 500 are reconfigured to support out-of-band signaling and operate as OOB interface 530.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 16, line 10 with the following paragraph:

The interface block 570 manages operations performed across the extended channel interface 510 and OOB interface 530. Moreover, the interface block 570 may be configured to filter certain multicast Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, perhaps a few multicast IP addresses, for enhancement management messages (EMMs).